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Discussions with [REDACTED]

1. At a meeting with S/TR personnel on 8 December, the following items were discussed with [REDACTED]

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- a. Communist China merchant shipping and overland trade shipments between the USSR and China.
- b. Sino-Soviet Bloc efforts at coordination of traffic and transport services for intra-Bloc trade.
- c. Bloc chartering of Western vessels and its foreign exchange implications.
- d. Changing concepts in role of the Polish merchant fleet and shipbroker.
- e. Bloc potential for competition with Western carriers in civil aviation.
- f. Rail transport and other economic developments in the Soviet Far East and their implications for trade with Communist China.
- g. Internal transport problems in Communist China.
- h. Use patterns of transportation for trade between the USSR and the European Satellites.

2. On 10 December [REDACTED] also attended a meeting of the European Satellites committee at which Soviet credits and loans to the European Satellites were discussed.

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